

REMARKS

I. Disposition of the Claims.

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-42 were pending. Claims 39-42 are rejected. Claims 1-38 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge Examiner's designation of claims 1-38 as allowable subject matter. Claims 39-42 have been canceled herein.

SUMMARY

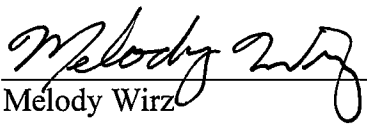
In light of the above amendments, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit timely notice of the same. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail.

Applicants believe that there are no fees due in association with the filing of this Response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and direct that any additional fees be charged to Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order Number 063718.0538.

Respectfully submitted,

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